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## Bulbs for Spring Planting



There is a particular charm in growing the bulbous flowering plants. As a rule, they produce flowers of remarkable beauty, and many of them are deliciously fragrant. After the flowering period, the plant above the bulbs and the roots beneath ripen off and die away, and their places may be oceupied by other seasonable flowering plants. In planting, first remove the soil to a depth of about six inches. Spade up the lower soil well, using plenty of well-rotted manure. Then level off and cover with about an inch of sand. This prevents the manure from touching the bulbs, and also allows the water to drain away, thus removing the causes that may lead to the decay of the bulb. The bulbs can then be placed on the sand in their exact position, after which the top soil is carefully replaced. To realize the greatest benefit from them they should be planted as early in the spring as possible, but will do very well if planted as late as July.

## ELLIOTT NURSERY COMPANY



## Elliott's Gorgeous Dahlias

There has been a great and increasing demand for Dahlias for several years. New varieties have been offered every year by the score, and so many kinds have been catalogued that it is very confusing to the buyer. The following list, without considering the novelties, is a selection of the best, and our advice is to wait until the high-priced novelties have been well tried out. It is a safe presumption that 90 per of them are not distinct from, or better than, older varieties. The culture of Dahlias is very simple. They require a good, rich soil and should not be planted until all danger of frost is over. Take up the roots late in the fall, and store where there is no danger of freezing.

All of the Dahlias offered in this catalogue are supplied in strong, dormant, field-grown roots. These are ready to send out between the first of April and the middle of May. As the season advances, our supply of roots of some of the varieties becomes exhausted, in which case green growing plants are sent instead. These will give equally as good results as dormant roots, flowering just as freely. Many experienced planters prefer them, and by the time they are cut by frost in the autumn they will have produced strong roots, which can be carried over winter in the usual way. The following Dahlias are all of our own growing, and we believe they are better tubers than sent out by any other house. The prices speak for themselves: (Cactus.) Briliant imperial purple. .... $\$ 0.15$ - $\$ 1.50$ Alight. (Cactus.) Rich, deep orange-scarlet; large and fine. $20 \quad 2.00$ Amber Queen. (Pompon.) Rich, clear amber, shaded apricot; extra free-flowering; one of the best.
Arabella. (Show.) Light pinkish, tipped darker; extra free. Armorer. (Show.) Deep red, dwarf; a profuse bloomer... Alba Sulphurca. (Single.) Lovely sulphur yellow.

Crimson Century. (Single.) Brilliant crimson, golden disc; fine
Capstan. (Cactus.) Soft brick-red, shaded apricot; free and early flowering



Mrs. J. Gardiner Cassatt. (Decorative.) A large-flowered variety of elegant shape; pleasing shade of mauve pink
Miss Bertha Mauley. (Cactus.) Scarlet, overlaid crimson-purple ...... . . 10
Mrs. Dexter. (Show.) Rich shade of salmon; best of its color.

Nibelungeuliart. This is another distinct introduction which is always greatly admired, with flowers from 7 to 8 inches across, composed of rather broad, more or less curled and twisted petals of a beautiful shade of old rose with golden-apricot suffusion. Very free-flowering, on long stems; a fine cutflower ......................
Nymphrea. Clear, light shrimp-pink
Olympia. (Double.) Immense flowers; rose-pink, striped and penciled with rich crimson; beautiful
Perle de Lyon. (Decorative.) Pure white; splendid
P. W. Jansen. (Peony.) Rosy salmon,

Queen Emma. (Peony.) Hollyhockpink, inner petals banded with gold $\$ 0.20$
Queen Victoria. (Show.) Canaryyellow; very fine... (ß.................. pure white; large

Bright cardinal-
Red Chief. (Single.) red Hussar." (Show.) Pure cardinalred
Reggie." (Decorative.) Cherry-red, veined orange; free; very large flowers; one of the best.
Robert Braumfield. (Show.) Pure white; large flowers; very free.... Rose-Pink Century. (Single.) Flowers 6 inches in diameter of a clear rose-pink; fine for cutting.
Rhein Koenig. (Cactus.) The best pure white cactus
Sebastopal. (Decorative.) Brilliant red; showy and fine..
Sequoia. (Cactus.) A beautiful variety of a deep saffron-yellow, suffused with red; a splendid autumn tint
Snowball. (Show.) Pure white; fine form
Solfatara. (Peony.) Carmine-red, yellow band in center............. . 20 2.00
Scarlet Century. (Single.) Brilliant scarlet, golden disc.
Sonv. de Gustav Douzon. (Decorative.) Enormous, orangered flower; splendid variety
Sunbeam. (Pompon.) Crimson-scarlet; extra fine form.
Sunburst. (Show.) Exquisite shade of clear salmon; fine form.
Sylvia. (Decorative.) Rich pink, white center. $\therefore$
Thomas a Becket. (Single, or Century.) Crimson-lake, with bright yellow ring
Tolma. (Single.) Rose white center
Twentieth Century. (Single.) Purest white at both base and tips, center of each petal delicate blush-rose.
Volker. (Cactus.) Clear lemon yellow.
Wolfgang von Goethe. (Giant Cactus.) An ideal cut flower, rich apricot with carmine suffusion and shading.
White Swan. Pure white flowers on long graceful stems.
Wadan. (Giant Cactus.) Large flower, often seven inches across; delicate salmon rose, shading to old gold in the center.
Yellow Livani. (Show.) Beautiful perfectly guilded Dahlia, soft lemon yellow
Yellow Calosse. (Decorative.) Beautiful primrose yellow
Zulu. (Decorative.) Rich maroon; showy and free flowering.
Named Varieties. In good assortment, our selection of varieties Mixed Varieties. Labels of which have been lost............ $\$ 5$ per 100
overlaid yellow; large
President Viger. (Collarette.) Reddish carmine; collar pure white...
Prince Charming. (Pompon.) Cream,
Each Doz. heavily tipped purple; one of the finest............. Princess Victoria. (Show.) Canary yellow. Free flowering

Prairie Fire. (Duplex Century.) A rich poppy-red; very free; nothing equals this for a mass of brilliant color


## Cannas

Cannas are too well known to need description, and the large-flowered varieties are easily the showiest bedding plants grown. The varieties offered are the best and most distinct. Prices do not include transportation charges from Pittsburgh.

Culture.-Cannas should be planted in good, rich garden soil, mixed with one-fourth of old rotten stable manure, by the end of May, when danger from frost is past. Water sparingly for the first two weeks after planting; when growing freely, water liberally. Set the plants about 18 inches apart each way, and if more than one kind is used, be careful to plant the taller-growing kinds in the center and the dwarf ones along the edge. This applies to planting in beds. Cannas are more effective when planted in masses of one color.

## Firebird, the Best Red-Flowered Green Leaved Canna

The flowers are borne in immense trusses, on strong stalks well above the leaves. They are of splendid form, round and shapely. The petals measure and sometimes
exceed $21 / 2$ inches across, and the color is a clear, glistening scarlet, without any streaks, spots or blotches. Strong roots, 40 cts. each, $\$ 4.00$ per dozen.

## A Selection of the Best Cannas

Alphonse Bouvier. Dark crimson flower; green foliage. 5 feet.....................
David Harum. Bright vermilion-scarlet, mottled with deep red; bronze foliage. 4 feet
Chas. Henderson. Bright crimson; green foliage. 4 feet

Each Doz. 100
$\$ 0.12 \quad \$ 1.25 \quad \$ 7.50$

Egandale. A fine, bronze-leaved variety; pretty cherry-red flowers, borne well above the foliage; handsome. 4 feet.
Flamingo. Intense, clear crimson; flowers large and borne in immense trusses in great profusion. 4 feet.
Florence Vaughan. Rich golden yellow thickly spotted with bright red. $21 / 2$ feet
General Merkel. One of the freest-flowering varieties; brilliant scarlet, suffused with orange, the base and the edge of the petals being marked with golden yellow. 4 feet
$5 \quad 1.50 \quad 8.00$
Gladiator. One of the finest bedders; deep yellow, freely dotted with light yellow. $41 / 2$ feet
$1.50 \quad 10.00$
Mrs. Alfred F. Conard. A most remarkable variety, with exquisite salmon-pink flowers of largest size, in erect and abundantly furnished heads, so freely produced as to keep a superb showing of bloom for months. Unsurpassed for planting singly or in large beds; 4 feet.
Louis Reverchon. Brilliant cochineal-red; the flowers are very large and borne in immense trusses; dark foliage; $41 / 2$ to 5 feet . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .............

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The above prices are for dormant roots delivered in April. We can supply started plants from pots for May delivery at an advance of five cents on above prices for each plant ordered, but we must have the order by March 1. The transportation charges on started plants are much greater than on dormant roots.

## War Prices for Gladioli

In the whole range of summer-blooming bulbs there is nothing so desirable or useful as Gladioli, and nothing so easy to grow. Failure is practically impossible. Last spring, owing to the war in Europe, we bought Gladioli in Holland at very low prices, and offered them to our customers at the lowest prices ever made in this country. Our sales were enormous. We received as high as 700 orders a day, and our customers were delighted with the bulbs and the flowers. This season there are not nearly so many Gladiolus bulbs in Holland, owing to reduced planting, although, by making early and large reservations, we are still enabled to make low prices-lower than they can be obtained elsewhere. The bulbs are strictly first-class, and range from $11 / 4$ to 2 inches in diameter, and all are flowering size.

## Increasing Popularity

For several years the demand for Gladioli has more than doubled every year, and there is no reason why it should not continue to do so, as they are the most attractive and useful of summer-flowering bulbs, and as cut-flowers all through the summer and fall they hold a place that cannot be taken by any other. Wonderful improvements are being made in size, color and beauty, and our list includes only the best, both in mixture and in named varieties. They are very effective in lines or beds or when planted in small groups among shrubbery, peonies, roses, or in the hardy plant border.

## For Cut Flowers

For summer cut-flowers there is nothing so desirable or useful or. so easily produced. By planting every two weeks from early spring until July 1, the Gladiolus may be had in bloom from the last of June until frost. The flowers are splendid for the house, the church or the hospital.

In cutting Gladioli for the house, it is best to cut the spikes as soon as the first one or two lower flowers are open. The remainder will open in the house. Remove the faded flowers, cut a little off the stem, and change the water every day; treated in this way, a spike will last a week or ten days.

## Culture

There is nothing more easily grown than Gladioli. They thrive in any ordinary good garden soil. Plant about 6 inches apart and 3 inches deep, and if a succession of bloom is desired, plant at intervals of ten days from the first of April, or as soon as the frost is out of the ground, until the first of July. Late in the fall, before freezing weather sets in, dig the bulbs up, cut off the tops and store until spring in any dry place that is free from frost. Your stock should increase annually.

## Five Superb Gladioli

Europa. This magnificent European variety has been on the market for several years, but is still scarce. It is considered by many experts to be the best pure white yet introduced, having the finest spikes, the best individual flowers, and is of the purest snowy whíteness. 20 cts. each, $\$ 2.00$ per dozen.
Mis. Frank Pendleton. All experts agree that this is one of the finest varieties yet introduced. The flowers are of largest size, borne on strong, straight spikes. In color a lovely salmon-pink, with brilliant, deep, red blotches in the throat, a color combination rivaling many of the finest orchids in its richness; exquisite in every way. 15 cents each, $\$ 1.50$ per dozen.
Peace. Immense, pure white flowers with a touch of carmine in the lower petals, borne on tall, graceful spikes. A beautiful and exceedingly refined variety. 10 cts. each, $\$ 1.00$ per doz., $\$ 7$ per 100 .
Fire King. Long, graceful spikes showing half a dozen immense blooms open at the same time. Color intense fire-scarlet, more brilliant than Brenchleyensis, Cardinal, Mrs. Francis King, or any other variety. Is perfectly grand; will become the leading cut-flower variety of its color. 20 cts. each, $\$ 2$ per dez., $\$ 13$ per 100 .
Kunderdi "Glory." (Ruffled Kunderdi.) Each flower petal is exquisitely ruffled and fluted. Stalks very robust and produce from eight to twelve massive beautiful flowers, which expand wide open and are delicate cream-pink with a neat crimson stripe. 15 cts. each, $\$ 1.50$ per dozen, $\$ 10$ per 100.

## Twelve Popular Gladioli

America. Conceded to be one of the finest varieties for cutting or bedding ever sent out; color a beautiful soft flesh-pink; orchid-like in its coloring and texture; growth and habit perfect. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.00$ per 100 .
Augusta. A lovely and most useful variety; pure white, with blue anthers; early. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.00$ per 100 .
Baron Hulot. Rich, royal violet-blue. This, when cut, in combination with one of the yellow varieties, is truly exquisite. 60 cts. per doz., $\$ 4.00$ per 100 .
Brenchleyensis. The best and most effective vermilionscarlet for massing. 40 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.00$ per 100.
Ceres. Pure white spotted with purplish rose. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.50$ per 100 .
Empress of India. Rich velvety dark red, with deeper shadings; one of the richest colored varieties. $\$ 1.00$ per doz., $\$ 7.00$ per 100.
Glory of Holland. Tall, vigorous spike, almost pure white; a first-class variety. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 4.00$ per 100.
Halley. Lovely, delicate flesh-color, with a creamy yellow blotch on the lower petals; flowers measure 6 inches across. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.00$ per 100 .

## Collections of Named Gladioli

1 each of the above choice varieties, 12 in all..... $\$ 0.70$ 3 each of the above choice varieties, 36 in all..... 2.00 6 each of the above choice varieties, 72 in all.... 3.80
12 each of the above choice varieties, 144 in all.
Gladioli in Choicest Mixtures
Doz. $100 \quad 1,000$
Mixed Gladioli. Good quality; all colors. ... . $\$ 2.75$ \$20.00 Red and Scarlet Gladioli. Splendid for massing in shrubberies and borders..
$2.75 \quad 20.00$
White and Light Gladioli. A choice mixture made from all named Gladioli. . ... . 4.00
Yellow and Orange Gladioli. . $\$ 0.75$
6.00

Groff's Hybrids, Mixed
.453 .00


Gladioli.

Mrs. Franeis King. A striking shade of light scarlet or flame color; one of the most effective for bedding or cutting. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.00$ per 100 .
Prineeps. Immense, wide-open, amaryllis-like flowers of rich, dazzling scarlet, marked with white on lower portion, which seems to intensify the brilliancy of the scarlet. $\$ 1.25$ per doz., $\$ 8.00$ per 100 .
Niagara. A charming American variety, with all the good qualities of America, but of a delicate cream-yellow, lightly marked and splashed with rosy carmine in the throat; very large, open flowers on tall, straight spikes; beautiful as a cut-flower. 10 cts. each, $\$ 1.00$ per doz. $\$ 7.00$ per 100.
Panama. An American introduction of sterling merit; is a favorite wherever high-grade varieties are grown. It is similar to and has all the good qualities of America, but in color is a rich rose-pink. Unquestionably one of the finest. 10 cts each, $\$ 1.00$ per doz., $\$ 7.00$ per 100 .
The priees for Gladioli do not include transportation from Pittsburgh. If wanted by parcel post, postage must be paid by purchaser.

NOTL.-Six bulbs of any variety will be supplicd at the dozen rate, 50 at the hundred rate.

## XXX Mixture

This is a specially fine mixture made up of over 100 fine named varieties, and includes also a good percentage of Childsii Hybrids. Just the stock for those who want only the very best that can possibly be had. We have sold hundreds of thousands of this mixture. We have now improved the quality and reduced the price. 45 cts. per doz. $\$ 3.00$ per 100 .

## Primulinus Hybrids

The original of this type, introduced from South Africa, has been much improved by crossing with choice garden varieties, and the mixed hybrids here offered are certain to produce some beautiful flowers, mostly in tones running from light yellow to orange, apricot and crimson; the flowers are of good size, borne on tall, graceful spikes, and are of healthy, vigorous constitution. 60 cts. per doz., $\$ 4.00$ per 100

## Miscellaneous Bulbs

## Hyacinthus Candicans



Summer
Hyacinth.
Hyacinth.
(Summer Hyacinth)
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These bulbs are especially attractive when planted in masses, in solid beds or borders. In July and August they produce spikes about 2 feet long, which are covered with bellshaped, white flowers. They remain in bloom a long while and for that reason should be planted extensively. The bulbs should be taken up at the approach of winter and stored in a cool cellar. Handled in this manner, the bulbs can be saved from year to year. 50 cts. per doz., $\$ 3.00$ per 100 .

## Caladium Esculentum

Each Doz. 100
5 to 7 inches.............. . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 0.08$ \$0.60 $\$ 4.00$
7 to 9 inches.......................... . . $10 \quad .90 \quad 6.00$
9 to 11 inches............... . . . . . . . . . . . 15 1.50 10.00
Tuberose

Excelsior Pear 4 to 6 inches.

## The Bargain Counter

Sometimes in our enthusiasm for a very desirable plant or shrub we grow more of it than we can sell at regular prices and when this happens we put it on the bargain counter and sell it at a greatly reduced price until the surplus is sold. It is only the best things that go on to this counter, as it is only the best things that we grow in quantity.

## Eulalias

The Eulalias are hardy grasses that are splendid for planting against a porch or for groups in the shrubbery They grow four to five feet high, have beautiful, graceful foliage, green or variegated, and in the fall it is surmounted with numerous graceful feathery plumes, creamy white in color. These are desirable for cutting for winter decoration, as they are everlasting. The plants are absolutely hardy and of the easiest culture. We offer them at the remarkably low price of 75 c per dozen, $\$ 5.00$ per 100


## Rosa Rugosa

This splendid Japanese rose is one of the finest and most useful shrubs in cultivation, for it is essentially a shrub and belongs in the shrubbery and not in the rose garden. It grows from 3 to 5 feet high, depending upon the richness of the soil, and produces its large, single, deep pink flowers almost all summer. The flowers are followed by large, showy red fruit, which is as attractive as the flowers. The foliage is abundant, of a rich green color and is free from attacks of insects and mildew. It is absolutely hardy. It should be planted in large groups in every shrubbery and for a flowering hedge it is unsurpassed. For a hedge it should be $21 / 2$ feet apart. Until our stock is reduced we will furnish this rose for less than it can be bought at wholesale by the thousand; $\$ 1.65$ per dozen; $\$ 12.00$ per 100 ; and one-half these quantities will be supplied at the same rate.

## German Iris

Qur collection of German Iris is unsurpassed, but we have too large a stock of many fine varieties and when the selection of varieties is left to us we will supply them for 60 cents per dozen, $\$ 4.00$ per 100 and $\$ 30.00$ per 1,000 , and if desired we will include the Siberian and the beautiful little dwarf Iris Pumilla at the same price. The selection of varieties always to be left to us.

## Funkias or Day Lilies

These plants have distinct and beautiful foliage, some varieties splendidly variegated. They are desirable for growing in shade and partial shade, although they will grow in full sunlight. When the selection of varietles is left to us we will supply these fine plants at $\$ 1.00$ per dozen, $\$ 6.00$ per 100 .

A Bed of Eulalias.

## Hardy Phloxes

Our collection of Hardy Phloxes is notably the finest in America, but we have too many of several fine varieties and when the selection of varieties is left to us we will supply strong field grown plants at $\$ 1.00$ per dozen, $\$ 7.00$ per 100 , in a good assortment of varieties and colors.

## Clematis Recta

This beautiful plant has flowers exactly like the popular clematis paniculata, but instead of being a vine it grows 18 inches high and flowers in early summer. It is really one of the fine things and very popular in England. Here it is but little known and for this reason there is but little demand for the large stock we grew of it. Special price, for this season only, 15 cents each, $\$ 1.25$ per dozen.

## Mallow Marvels

We have a large stock of these showy plants in assorted colors. They are not of the best grade, but a great bargain at the price, and for naturalizing on large places would be most satisfactory; $\$ 1.00$ per dozen, $\$ 6.00$ per 100 .

## Tritoma "Gold Elsie"

An early flowering variety of the Torch Lily, with light, clear, yellow flowers distinct and fine; 10 cents each, $\$ 1.00$ per dozen

## Yucca Filamentosa

This splendid old evergreen hardy plant, often called the "Spanish Bayonet," is stately and very decorative and fine for the lawn or garden. It produces in summertime immense spikes of large white flowers, which are most effective on moonlight nights; 15c each, $\$ 1.50$ per dozen.

## Seed Catalogue

The seeds described in our seed catalogue are the best varieties for private gardens. All inferior or second-rate kinds are excluded, and the quality of the seeds is the best the world produces. The list of varieties includes all the sorts grown in private garden of J. Wilkinson Elliott, a garden noted for the quality of its produce. This catalogue, which offers the cream of the world's production in flower and vegetable seeds, will be sent free on request.

